(a) whether the Government propose to publish the histories of the wars of 1962, 1965 and 1971 prepared by the History Division; and

(b) if so, by when and the further reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). The records/material used in the preparation of histories of the wars of 1962, 1965 and 1971 are classified. So they have not been published, in the public interest.

Bachawat Tribunal Award on Almatti Dam. A.P.

*438. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL:
SHRI S.D.N R. WADIYAR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether assurance was given by the Prime Minister to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister regarding the steps taken to ensure that Bachawat Tribunal Award on Krishna Waters would be honoured while constructing the Almatti Dam;

(b) the details of the amicable settlement reached between the Governments of Andhra and Karnataka in regard to the height of the dam;

(c) the present position in regard to the construction work of the project;

(d) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has raised any objection for constructing the dam upto 524 ft. by the Karnataka Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Prime Minister in a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Maharashtra held on 10.8.96 announced that the State Governments are required to abide by award of Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal. Almatti Dam is one of the components of Upper Krishna Project of Karnataka. The Government of Karnataka has assured that it does not intend to use more than its allocated waters under the Final Order of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal by the construction of Almatti Dam to its full height.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have not reached any settlement on the height of the Almatti Dam.

(c) As per the Status report received from the State Govt. of Karnataka the status of construction of Almatti Dam as on 31.3.1996 is as under:

Component		Level Achieved (meteres)
(a)	Left Bank no-overflow section	
(i)	Earthen Dam (Average level)	528.756
(ii)	Concrete non-overflow Dam (block No. 1 to 11)	528.681
(iii)	Minimum level (Key wall)	527.756
(b)	Spilway overflow section (Maximum Level-block No. 13)	506.700
(c)	Right bank non-overflow section	
(i)	Power Blocks (Average Level-Block No. 40 to 46)	526.00
(ii)	Non-overflow section (Block No. 38 and 39)	513.20 & 517.75
(iii)	Block No. 46 to 54	528.681

Upper Krishna Project is one of the Projects monitored by the Central Water Commission (CWC). The Officials of CWC who generally visit the Project once a year (last visit was in May 1995) have not verified this progress.

(d) and (c). The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in their various letters to the Union Govt. have objected to the increase in the height of the Almatti Dam by the Government of Karnataka. The latest communication received from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in this regard is dated 26.7.96.

Minister for Water Resources in his letter dated 11.7.96 addressed to the Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh has clarified that the clearance given by the Central Government to the Government of Karnataka is for Upper Krishna Project-Stage-I envisaging a Full reservoir level (FRL) of 512.2 m. Stage-II of the project envisaging a FRL of 524.256 m. has not been cleared. A meeting of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra was convened by the Prime Minister on 10.8.1996. However, no consensus in the matter could be reached at this meeting.

Improvement of N.H. No. 43

*439. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop the National Highway No. 43 passing from Raipur to Vizianagaram; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b). Development of National Highway is a continuous process. During 8th Plan period a sum of Rs. 790.96 lacs has been sanctioned for various development schemes on National Highway No. 43. The Annual Plan 1996-97, provides for construction of Bridge at Km. 367/4-6 Hardeput Nallah at an estimated cost of Rs. 80.00 lacs, for which proposals are to be received from State Govt. of Orissa.

National Policy on Education

*440. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether aspects of uniformity in education, particularly in rural areas, have been given more emphasis in the latest modifications made in the National Policy on Education;

(b) if so, the main features thereof including the additional facilities being provided in rural areas for spread of education; and

(c) the progress made in implementation of these aspects in different States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c). The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 as updated in 1992 envisages a common educational structure and a national curricular framework containing a common core with other flexible components to bring about certain uniformity in education across the country. The Central Government is assisting State Governments through a number of centrally sponsored schemes like Operation Blackboard, Non-Formal Education, Total Literacy Campaigns, District Primary Education Programmes etc. for spread of education in rural areas. Progress of implementation of various schemes are reflected in the Annual Reports of the Ministry which are furnished to the Parliament.

Escalation of Cost of Education in DU

3707. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "In four years the cost of education in DU has trebled" appearing in the Times of India, dated June 22, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) the action, the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the University has not increased the Tuition Fee or the Examination Fee for any of the courses conducted by the colleges. It has, however, increased the University Development Fund by an amount of Rs. 40/- per annum. Besides, the colleges have been revising the annual charges payable by the students towards water, electricity, sports and library etc. These charges vary form college to college depending upon the facilities provided. At present, the average monthly charges, including one-time annual refundable deposits, paid by a student range between Rs. 100/- and Rs. 200/- in various colleges. This average during 1990-91 was Rs. 50/- to Rs. 100/-.

(c) Does not arise as the Fee payable is not considered unduly high and in any case concessions and exemptions are available to deserving candidates from lower income categories.

Shortage of officers in Defence Services

3708. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps government propose to take to make up the shortage of officers in Defence services without lowering/ diluting the standard of selection of commissioned officers;

(b) what measures does the Government propose to adopt to make Indian Armed Forces tempting proposition for the cream of Indian youth;

(c) whether the Government propose to include Ex-service-men's welfare in the concurrent list so that the burden is shared by the Central Government too; and

(d) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d). To make up the shortage of officers in the Defence services, measures such as introduction of University Entry Scheme, enhanced recruitment of Permanent Commissioned Officers and Short Service Commissioned Officers, induction of women as officers, re-employment of retired officers etc. have been taken.

The Vth Central Pay Commission is also looking into the question of emolument structure and conditions of service of